



**2015-2016 Student Grades Reporting Course Delivery Model and Dual Credit Code**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) )

Reporting all courses students are taking AND the correct Course Delivery Model [Student Grades:Course Delivery Model (42)] and Dual Credit Code [Student Grades:Dual Credit Code (32)] in Student Grades is VERY important. This data helps NDE determine if a teacher should be checked for certification (endorsed or not endorsed), this data is required by 79-1337 (eligibility to receive incentive funds for exchange of Distance Education courses). We also report this data to the legislature, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, and others as requested. See Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template

[https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/STUDENT\\_GRADES\\_GUIDANCE\\_3\\_1.pdf](https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/STUDENT_GRADES_GUIDANCE_3_1.pdf)

Below is some brief guidance:

- For computer based courses, report the Student Grades data including the teacher monitoring the course in NDE Staff ID [Student Grades:Evaluator 1 Staff ID (7)] and your County District number in Controlling District Code [Student Grades:Evaluator 1 Controlling District Code (33)]. Use Course Delivery Model 2 if not a Career Academy or Code 4 if a Career Academy.
- For distance learning courses for the students at their district of membership, report the Student Grades data including the teacher sending the instruction in NDE Staff ID [Student Grades:Evaluator 1 Staff ID (7)] and the district that holds the contract in Controlling District Code [Student Grades:Evaluator 1 Controlling District Code (33)]. Use Course Delivery Model Codes 1 or 2 if not a Career Academy. Use Course Delivery Model Codes 3 or 4 if a Career Academy.

Students who receive courses via distance learning and are registered through the ESUCC NVIS (Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council Nebraska Virtual Instruction Source) should appear on the Student Grades with these courses. We did some comparisons and found that not many were reported or reported accurately.

- For dual credit courses [Student Grades:Dual Credit Code (32)], use code 1 if the student took a course eligible for dual credit and received dual credit; or code 2 if the student took a course eligible for dual credit but did not receive dual credit. Articulated courses should not be considered dual credit. **DO NOT REPORT** courses that are for postsecondary credit only. Some dual credit courses may also need a Course Delivery Model other than 0.



**Student Clearinghouse Data Files Available/High School Feedback Reports Updated**

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**Public and State Operated Schools only**

The National Student Clearinghouse data downloads in the NSSRS Validation website, and the High School Feedback Reports in the Data Reporting System (DRS) Secured Site, have been updated with new enrollment data. The data download files include the most up-to-date college enrollment data currently available for all graduates, including 2014-2015 graduates. With authorization from the Superintendent, these files can be

accessed by logging into the NDE Portal and opening NSSRS Validation, then clicking on Data Downloads in the top menu, then Student Clearinghouse.



**SPED Discipline Information System – OPENS: May 1 – DUE DATE: June 16**

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**Public and State Operated Only**

*Report of Children with Disabilities Unilaterally Removed to an Interim Alternative Setting, or Suspended or Expelled* (Special Education Discipline Report) opens on **May 1**. The report is due **by June 16**, and must be submitted by all public and state operated schools. It is collected on the NDE portal under the data collection tab. Directions as well as a template for using the upload option have been posted on the site.



**ADVISER Dashboard Updated Vendor Certification Information Now Available**

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The Nebraska Department of Education team has been working one-on-one with Student Information System (SIS) vendors to prepare for certification of their respective student information systems (SIS). Beginning July 1, 2014, all Nebraska SIS vendors were initially engaged to get started with creating the connection's to the Nebraska Education Data Standards (NEDS) built from Ed-Fi.

The current status of implementation for all Student Information Systems (SIS) operating in Nebraska is available here: [Vendor Status](#).

The target date for SIS vendors to be certified in Nebraska is **July 1, 2017**.

Additional information can be found at the following web address:

[https://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/SLDS\\_Grant/SISVendorCertification.html](https://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/SLDS_Grant/SISVendorCertification.html)



**Special Education Post-School Outcomes – DUE DATE: April 30**

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**Public Districts Only**

The report for submitting contact information for students with a disability who exited special education in 2014-2015 school year is located on the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab. Accurate student contact information will assure your students will be contacted and included in this required Post School Outcome collection. Please be sure to scroll down on the report to enter each student's contact information as indicated. This collection is considered for each school district's annual federally required "determination".



**Nonpublic Consultation for 2015-16 – DUE DATE: May 2**

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**Public Districts Only**

It's time to be planning for the next school year by completing consultations with nonpublic schools regarding equitable services for the 2016-17 school year. These two collections are found in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) under the Data Collections tab for the following programs:

- Title I-A: Services for At-Risk Students
- Title I-C: Migrant
- Title II-A: Teacher and Principal Training
- Title III: Limited English Proficient
- Title IV-B: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- Math and Science Partnerships

### **Federal Programs Within Boundaries Nonpublic Consultation**

Every public school district in Nebraska having one or more nonpublic systems located within the public school district's geographic boundaries must complete this form. It is the responsibility of the public school district to submit this completed form to the Nebraska Department of Education. A form will need to be completed for each nonpublic system geographically located within the public school district attendance area to document that the nonpublic system was consulted regarding potential participation in a federal program.

### **Title I Nonpublic Consultation**

Every District receiving Title I funds and having resident low-income school aged students attending a nonpublic school will need to complete this collection. The public district is not required to complete or submit a Title I Nonpublic Consultation form for Rule 12 or 13 exempt status schools. A form will need to be completed for each Nonpublic system that has reported having students eligible for free or reduced lunch as reported in the Nonpublic Membership Report.

Each of these collections will provide forms for the public district to print out and use when consulting with nonpublic schools regarding participation in the programs. Prepopulated forms are available for download by the public district to use when consulting with the nonpublic school(s). Upon completion of the consultation, the public district will enter the information from the forms into the appropriate collection in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection. Completed, signed forms will remain on file at the public district and may be requested by NDE at any time and/or reviewed during NCLB monitoring.

**NOTE:** In the CDC, the category for both of these forms has been changed from "Title I" and "General," to "FEDERAL." Anyone that previously had "Title I" access, will be rolled over to "FEDERAL" access. Superintendents now have access to this activation code and may assign it to appropriate staff. As with other reports in the CDC, the person entering the data may "Submit" the data, but the Authorized Representative (usually the Superintendent) will need to "Approve" the collection.

**EMAILS WERE SENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CONSULT WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SEPARATE EMAIL WAS SENT FOR EACH COLLECTION.**

**Audit Window Close Date: May 16**



**IDEA MOE for Compliance Standard – DUE DATE: May 2**

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov))

IDEA Part B Special Education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Application for Compliance Standard for school year 2014-2015 opened on March 15, 2016. The report may be accessed within the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab.

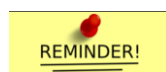
School district receipt of IDEA dollars is contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort for Special Education. Districts must expend a greater or equal amount of local or local/state funds from one year to the next to meet the MOE requirement. Final calculations based on actual special education school district expenditures/receipts/data obtained from the 2014-2015 AFR and NSSRS are available and have been compared to the highest levels of fiscal effort. As a result, calculations for meeting the IDEA MOE Compliance Standard may have resulted in a MOE excess or shortage that requires school district review for determination of adjustments or credits that could modify the MOE level.



**2016-2017 Perkins reVISION Initial Competitive Grant – DUE DATE: May 6**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The 2016-2017 Perkins reVISION Initial Competitive Grant application is now available in the GMS to assist local school districts in completing the reVISION Career Education strategic planning process and to school districts who have not received this grant in the past. For information regarding this grant, please see <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/revision.html>



**NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates**

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or [valorie.foy@nebraska.gov](mailto:valorie.foy@nebraska.gov))

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

eDIRECT Test Setup for NeSA-RMS available to Districts. Check student information in Test Setup => Students for any needed corrections – accommodations, demographics, or testing codes.	February 22 – May 6
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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:  
<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

**HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

**All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.**

**If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.**

1. Submit a “Helpdesk Request” from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

**NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:**

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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